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E.O. 11652: XGDS-4
TAGS: EAIR LA UR VM
SUBJECT: SOVIET PILOTED AIRCRAFT CRASHES IN LPDR

1. A LAO AND WESTERN SOURCE TOLD US SEPARATELY THAT AN AN-2 AIRCRAFT CRASHED IN JUNGLE TERRAIN IN LAOS DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, KILLING THE SOVIET PILOT AND FOUR LAO ABOARD THE PLANE.
2. THE WESTERN SOURCE SAID THAT THE CRASH TOOK PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 12 BUT THAT THE CRASH SITE WAS NOT DISCOVERED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 14. HE SAID THAT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN LAO SURVIVED THE CRASH, AND ADDED THAT THE SOVIET PILOT WAS NAMED ALEXEI IVANOVICH GAGARIN.
3. A LAO SOURCE REPORTED THAT A SOVIET DIPLOMAT WAS SEEN ACCOMPANYING WHAT APPEARED TO BE WOUNDED PERSONNEL FROM A HELICOPTER TO VIENTIANE'S HOSPITAL #103,
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SEPTEMBER 14. THIS SAME SOURCE LATER REPORTED THAT THESE PERSONNEL WERE VICTIMS OF THE CRASH OF A PLANE CARRYING LAO STUDENTS TO HANOI. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THE PLANE CRASH WAS DUE TO BAD WEATHER.

4. COMMENT: WE CANNOT AT THIS TIME CONFIRM THAT THE CRASH INVOLVED A PLANE CARRYING LAO STUDENTS TO HANOI,

OR THAT THE CRASH WAS A RESULT OF BAD WEATHER.
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